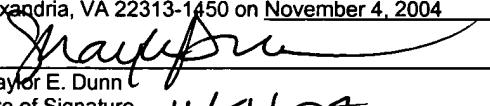


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1. A Preliminary Amendment (13 pages); and
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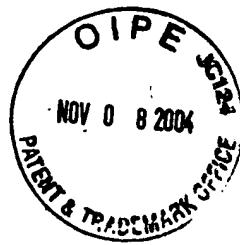

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